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**Via Email Only**

Pamela Monroe, Administrator  
New Hampshire Site Evaluation Committee  
c/o New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission  
21 South Fruit St., Suite 10  
Concord, NH 03301-2429

***Re: SEC Docket No. 2019-02, Application of Chinook Solar, LLC for a Certificate of Site and Facility for the Construction and Operation of a 30MW Solar Generating Facility in Fitzwilliam, New Hampshire – Stipulated Facts and Requested Findings of the Applicant and Counsel for the Public***

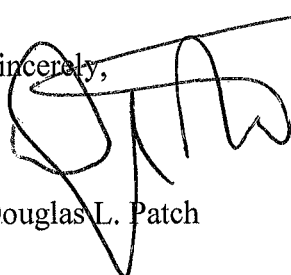
Dear Ms. Monroe:

Enclosed is a copy of Stipulated Facts and Requested Findings of the Applicant and Counsel for the Public signed by both parties.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,



Douglas L. Patch

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Enclosure

cc (via email): Service List in SEC Docket 2019-02

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THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE  
BEFORE THE  
NEW HAMPSHIRE  
SITE EVALUATION COMMITTEE

SEC DOCKET NO. 2019-02

APPLICATION OF CHINOOK SOLAR, LLC FOR A  
CERTIFICATE OF SITE AND FACILITY FOR THE CHINOOK  
SOLAR PROJECT IN FITZWILLIAM, NEW HAMPSHIRE

Stipulated Facts and Requested Findings of the Applicant and Counsel for the Public

Chinook Solar, LLC (“the Applicant”) and Counsel for the Public agree and stipulate as follows:

Economic Impact

1. The Applicant has filed an Application for a Certificate of Site and Facility to construct a 30MW solar generating facility in Fitzwilliam, New Hampshire (“the Project”) which is the subject of the above-captioned docket.
2. As part of its Application, the Applicant submitted an economic impact assessment (Appendix 18 to the Application) and the pre-filed testimony of Matthew Magnusson, concerning the effects of the construction and operation of the facility on the economy of the region and employment in the region as required by Admin. Rule Site 301.09(b) and (c). On July 10, 2020, the Applicant submitted an updated economic impact assessment, which was the product of discussions between the Applicant and Counsel for the Public.
3. The updated economic impact assessment concludes that the Project is expected to bring a net positive economic impact to the Town of Fitzwilliam, Cheshire County, and the overall state through construction activity and on-going operations. The assessment explains that the Project’s low-visibility profile and vegetative screening is expected to mitigate any potential negative impacts to property values or tourism/recreation. While it is possible that the Project

could have an isolated impact on a property or tourism-related resource, it is not believed to be likely, given the view shed analysis performed by the Applicant.

4. The Project is expected to bring a net positive economic impact to the Town of Fitzwilliam and the overall State of New Hampshire. The construction period is expected to have the greatest benefits by supporting approximately 95 FTE jobs (of which 60 jobs are expected to be in construction) and providing over \$8 million in economic value to the overall state economy. The development phase of the Project (prior to construction) is also significant, supporting almost 11 jobs and \$1.1 million in economic value added in NH. After the construction period, there is a net positive impact where the Project is expected to support 5.7 to 7.1 FTE jobs and an additional \$0.6 to \$0.7 million in annual economic value to the NH economy. A payment in lieu of tax agreement payment would provide a direct economic benefit to the Town of Fitzwilliam. These funds would provide flexibility to the Town and could be used to increase community services or to help offset property taxes. There is evidence that a local skilled workforce is present to participate in some aspects of the Project. Businesses in the local region could reasonably be expected to be competitive to work on the Project. To the extent that Cheshire County and nearby contractors are employed on the Project, the greater the extent the economic benefits will be concentrated in the local region.

5. Given the information reviewed in this economic impact assessment and the conclusions that are reached, the Project will not unduly interfere with the orderly development of the region.

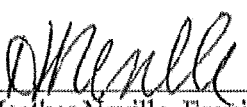
Respectfully Submitted,

**Chinook Solar, LLC**

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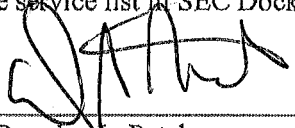
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Dated: August 20, 2020

**Certificate of Service**

I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing stipulation has on this 20<sup>th</sup> day of August 2020 been sent by email to the service list in SEC Docket No. 2019-02.

By:   
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Douglas L. Patch